

IHBC West Midlands 2024 AGM and Election of Officers 21 March 2024 – Oswestry Guildhall

Attendees:

Nathan Blanchard David Burton-Pye Ian Ceney Trevor Edwards Phoebe Farrell Laura Fildes **Ed Higgins** Vicky Hunns Peter Jenkins Barbara Johnson Sarah Jones Sarah Lowe Rachael Parry Callum Pascoe Jan Ratcliffe Jo Slade Ben Williscroft

Apologies:

Charles Shapcott Louise Davidson Carl Dukes Devinder Matharu Connor Routledge John Copping Craig Trevet

Introduction and welcome: Imogen Wood

Imogen Wood Mary Worsfold

Minutes of last AGM meeting: (held at Shugborough, Stafford) were agreed unanimously. Proposed by Dave Burton-Pye Seconded by: Ed Higgins.

Matters Arising: None.

Committee Reports:

Chair's Report: Imogen Wood read out the Chair's Report, which also incorporated the Education Officer's report.

Treasurer's Report: Jan Ratcliffe read out the Treasurer's Report, outlining where Covid funds have been provided from HQ and equipment purchased for use by the committee, including a new microphone and renewal of the Zoom licence.

Event Officer's Report: Sarah Jones read out the Events Officer's Report, where she expressed thanks to West Midlands RIBA who hosted the branch event in Wolverhampton.

All reports will be distributed following the AGM.

Election of Officers:

The posts of **Chair** (Imogen Wood), **Secretary** (Barbara Johnson), **Treasurer** (Jan Ratcliffe), **Events Officer** (Sarah Jones), **Membership Officer** (Charles Shapcott), **Education Officer** (Devinder Matharu) and **Publicity Officer** (Rachael Parry) were uncontested, and all officers stood for re-election. They were voted unanimously to remain in post as a group.

Proposed by: Vicky Hunn Seconded by: Mary Worsfold

Vice Chair: Rachael Parry elected unanimously.

Proposed by: Jan Ratcliffe Seconded by: Sarah Jones

Branch Representative on the National Committee: Ben Williscroft elected unanimously.

Proposed by: Ed Higgins Seconded by: Barbara Johnson

Newsletter Officer: Roseanne Eardley elected unanimously, subject to confirmation of her

willingness to take up the post.

Proposed by: Ben Williscroft Seconded by: Sarah Jones

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1. 2024 Summer School Bursaries:

Five bursaries of £100 are available for those attending the Reading 2024 Summer School.

2. 2025 Summer School:

West Midlands branch have been asked to consider hosting the 2025 Summer School. Sean O'Reilly and Jude from IHBC support attended the last in-person committee meeting at Attingham Park to discuss this. The AGM was an opportunity to discuss this with those in attendance. The Branch were in favour of taking this to the next level, and need to give HQ suggested places with good transport networks, sufficient accommodation and meeting space for about 120 people, with good heritage projects to visit. Possible locations are:

- Wolverhampton
- Shrewsbury
- Stoke
- Coventry
- Warwick

HQ will come up with the theme and do all the IT work, and provide any additional assistance the branch request.

Rachael Parry proposed that if we host the 2205 Summer School, we ask for volunteers to join a Summer School subcommittee.

3. Chartership:

Ben Williscroft noted the IHBC AGM on 30th April intends to vote on Chartership.

4. Next West Midlands Branch meeting:

19th June at Weston Park, South Staffs. Barbara Johnson to email further details and Eventbrite invitation in early April.